

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 21, 1968

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was held beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 1968, in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL Present: Councilmen - BROWN, CULBERTSON, HUNNELL,
WALTON and KIRSTEN

Absent: Councilmen - None

Also present: City Manager Graves, Assistant City Manager Peterson, City Attorney Mullen and Planning Director Schroeder.

PLEDGE Mayor Kirsten led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

PUBLIC HEARINGS

APPEAL -
SIGN VARIANCE
HEATH CO.
DENIED

Notice thereof having been published in accordance with law, Mayor Kirsten called for hearing on the appeal of Heath and Company from the decision of the City Planning Commission in denying its appeal for a variance to increase the allowable sign area from 258 square feet to 558 square feet on a parcel on the north side of East Kettleman Lane between the U.S. 50-99 Freeway and Cherokee Lane in an area zoned C-2, General Commercial zone. City Manager Graves asked Planning Director Schroeder to outline the appeal. Planning Director Schroeder explained the request, showing the proposed signs and stated that the request far exceeds the allowable sign area as stated in the Sign Ordinance.

Mr. Frank Michelena representing Denny's Restaurants spoke in their behalf, stating that without the larger sign (1) it would be extremely difficult for the freeway traffic to see the restaurant from the freeway; (2) other signs in area will block view of their sign; and (3) traffic on the freeway will be unable to decrease speed to exit properly causing a traffic hazard. Mr. Michelena also felt sign area should be computed using only the readable area on one side of the sign rather than both sides. There being no others in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter, the public portion of the hearing was closed. After consideration, the Council agreed that the Sign Ordinance should be upheld, therefore, the variance should not be granted. On motion of Councilman Hunnell, Walton second, the City Council denied the appeal of Heath and Company.

DOWNTOWN
MERCHANTS
REQUEST

Mr. Joe Newfield, Jr., representing the Downtown Merchants group made a presentation to the City Council in which he discussed the hiring of a consultant to undertake a study of the downtown area. He said the study would encompass such aspects as traffic flow, parking, beautification and general improvements. Mr. Newfield stated the study was the first step in investigating the feasibility of the formation of the downtown improvement district. He informed the Council that the merchants had collected \$3,100 to be presented to the City to assist in the financing of the study, the total cost of which was estimated at between \$5,000 and \$6,000, and requested the City to undertake the study. After discussion, the Council determined this would not be precedent-setting as the City had previously undertaken a similar

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study regarding Cherokee Lane. Councilman Culbertson moved that the City Council authorize an expenditure from the hotel-motel tax funds of \$3,100 providing the staff investigates the feasibility of the project and the City is not to be responsible for the administration of it. Motion seconded by Councilman Hunnell and carried unanimously.

CHAMBER RE
"LODI" SIGNS
ON FREEWAY

RES. NO. 3155

Esther Lund, representative of the Chamber of Commerce Civic Affairs Committee and Chamber of Commerce Director, requested the City Council to approve freeway signing revisions as recommended by the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Lund presented a drawing showing the proposed overhead illuminated sign revisions. On motion of Councilman Walton, Hunnell second, the Council adopted Resolution No. 3156 approving freeway signing as proposed by the Chamber of Commerce Civic Affairs Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

RES FROM
CITY OF GARDENA
OPPOSING POKER
PARLOR TABLE TAX

A copy of a resolution from the City of Gardena had been received opposing proposed legislation regarding poker parlor table tax. Councilman Culbertson moved discussion on this matter be continued to the meeting of March 6 and requested the staff to obtain information regarding this from the League office. Councilman Walton seconded the motion, motion carried.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$252,908.21 were approved on motion of Councilman Walton, Brown second.

AWARD -
GARFIELD
STORM DRAIN

RES. NO. 3157

The following bids were received on the Garfield Street Storm Drain:

Terry Construction	\$93,419.00
Stockton Construction	93,786.40
J. L. Scott Company	94,751.00
Kirkwood-Bly	95,629.00
A. J. Edwards	107,933.00
A. Teichert & Son	109,836.30
Lund Construction	109,839.70
Joseph R. Ramos	119,022.00
Valley Engineers	139,546.45

City Manager Graves recommended that award be made to the low bidder. On motion of Councilman Brown Culbertson second, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 3157 awarding the contract for the construction of Garfield Street Storm Drain to the low bidder, Terry Construction, for the amount of the bid.

RECESS

The Mayor declared a five-minute recess and the Council reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

AWARD -
CATV
FRANCHISE

RES. NO. 3158

The City Manager stated he had received two applications for the Community Antenna Television franchise to be awarded by the City Council. Bids were received from California Antenna T-V, Inc., of Sacramento and Multi-View Systems, Inc., of Lodi. Mayor Kirsten explained to the two bidders that the Council had previously determined that each bidder would be given fifteen minutes to make their presentation without the other bidder present. With the flip of a coin, it was decided that California Antenna T-V, Inc would give their presentation first.

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After the presentations given by Attorney Thomas J. Shephard representing California Antenna T-V, Inc. and Attorney Reuben P. Rott representing Multi-View Systems, Inc., the Council discussed the application, with representatives of both firms answering the Council's questions. The Council observed that both applications submitted were similar but Multi-View Systems, Inc. bid was lower in that their monthly service charge was lower in comparison to California Antenna's monthly service charge. Also, Multi-View's application was more specific in detailing its financing and describing the nature of its capitalization; Multi-View Systems had also prepared a pole line diagram detailing the location of every pole within the City limits; Multi-View has provided additional information such as site location, undergrounding of conduit, arrangements for construction of the system, therefore, the Council felt Multi-View deserved the franchise on this basis. City Manager Graves felt both bids were excellent bids, but after careful review he would recommend the franchise be awarded to the low bidder, Multi-View Systems, Inc. On motion of Councilman Brown, Culbertson second, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 3158 awarding the Community Antenna Television franchise to Multi-View Systems, Inc. in accordance with their application.

LAKESWOOD
SCHOOL
CROSSWALKS

The City Manager reported on the location of the crosswalks at Lakewood School. The crossing on Ham Lane at Kirkwood Drive is to be slightly angled so that it will line up with the entrance walkway to the school. The principal at Lakewood School had indicated that the school crossing patrol will be relocated to the new crosswalks and school children will only be allowed to cross at the designated crossing. Councilman Culbertson felt there would still be a problem of children jaywalking on weekends and after school when they are not supervised by the school crossing patrol and he moved that the matter be continued to the meeting of March 6, 1968 for further report. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hunnell and carried.

LIBRARY BD
REQUEST FOR
FUNDS

City Librarian Leonard Lachendro explained a request submitted to the City Manager for use of Library Reserve Funds for repair and remodeling projects to the Library. The request for \$4,500 from the Library Reserve Fund was approved by the Library Board at its meeting of February 19, 1968 and Mr. Lachendro requested the City Council to approve same. On motion of Councilman Culbertson, Walton second, the Council approved the expenditure of no more than \$4,500 from the Library Reserve Funds to be used for repair and remodeling projects in the Library.

POPULATION
ESTIMATE
RES. NO. 3159

The State Department of Finance has forwarded an agreement to the City for a population estimate by the State and has requested that the Council approve the same by resolution. On motion of Councilman Walton, Brown second, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 3159 approving the agreement with the State Department of Finance as presented and authorize its execution on behalf of the City by the Mayor.

CITY CAB
CO. REQUESTS

The City Manager presented two requests from the City Cab Company as follows: (1) Requested adding an additional vehicle to their fleet thereby increasing the number of vehicles from five to six; (2) requested

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an increase in taxi cab fares. Councilman Culbertson moved the City Council approve the additional vehicle. Councilman Walton seconded motion, motion carried.

Councilman Walton moved the request for increase in taxi cab fares be set for public hearing on March 20, 1968. Motion was seconded by Councilman Culbertson and carried.

P. S. BLDG. -
OPEN AREA-WAYS

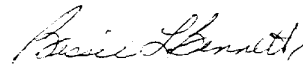
Councilman Walton questioned the progress being made in screening off the open area-ways at the rear of the Public Safety Building. The City Manager will report back to the Council on this matter.

TRAFFIC -
MILLS AVE.
TOKAY INTER.

Councilman Hunnell reported that he has received complaints of traffic speeding in the area of Tokay Street and Mills Avenue intersection since the stop sign has been installed on Tokay Street. He requested the staff to investigate the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m. on motion of Councilman Walton.


Attest: BESSIE L. BENNETT
City Clerk